the paddy flats, has very well emphasized the necessity of developing the tank system in this district. A fair proportion of the funds has not been hitherto allotted for irrigation projects in this district. Much good will come out of the improvement of these minor irrigation projects.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration. There is a proposal that some distinction should be made between minor tanks in the Maidan and the Malnad.

Subject No. 385.
Arrangement for better management of Muzrai institutions.
Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao and B. Garudachar.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that arrangement may be made for the better inspection and management of the Muzrai and charitable institutions, especially *annachattrams*.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 386.
Municipal Regulation for Shimoga town.
Mr. B. Garudachar.

(*a*) *Summary of discussion.*—The want of an effective and workable Municipal Regulation to control the various frauds that are being committed with referrence to the Octroi and other sources of revenue to the Municipality and to enforce sanitary measures, &c., is very much felt in this Municipality. This want may be removed by bringing into force the long contemplated and oft-promised Regulation.

Reply of Government.—Noted. A Draft Municipal Regulation will shortly be published.

(*b*) Articles are stored in villages outside the Municipality, though they are intended for consumption within the Municipality. Deposit and transport of dutiable articles outside Municipal limits should be placed under proper check, by the extension of the Sayer procedure to Municipal Octroi.

Reply of Government.—This does not seem possible.

Subject No. 387.
(a) Town improvements in Shikarpur.
Mr. S. Venkatachar.

(a) Summary of discussion.—The town of Shikarpur is the second in point of population in the Shimoga district. Want of good drinking water here is greatly felt. The drainage requires much attention. The town improvement may cost about Rs. 25,000. The Municipal revenue is hardly sufficient to meet the cost. A grant of half of the said sum by Government is accordingly requested, leaving the other half to be provided by the Municipal revenue.

Reply of Government.—The Government will consider this if application be made by the Municipal Board according to the rules on the subject of loans, and if there are available funds.

(b) Levy of Octroi in Shikarpur Municipality.
Mr. S. Venkatachar.

Summary of discussion.—As the receipts of the Municipality are not sufficient to meet the ordinary expenditure on account of conservancy and other charges, it is requested that orders may be passed for the levy of Octroi duty in the town.